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## \$1.3 billion attempts housing bandage

By Nicholas Boer  
Staff Writer

State Treasurer Matt Fong's announcement Tuesday of \$1.3 billion in tax-exempt bonds for affordable housing will not make everyone in Silicon Valley warm and cozy.

The money allows developers to acquire low-cost financing in return for providing affordable housing rentals, according to Fong.

What constitutes affordable housing is based on a state formula but varies from county to county

depending on its median household income, according to Fong.

Fong said Santa Clara County's high median income makes even affordable housing out of range for many low-income residents.

"For many Californians, affordable housing may seem like a contradiction in terms, especially in a county where housing costs have surged beyond many people's grasp," said Fong. "This year, we are taking great strides toward providing affordable housing."

Terry Christensen, chair of the Political Science

Department at San Jose State University, said affordable housing is crucial for both students and faculty. Christensen expressed his frustration in trying to recruit a new professor, even though salaries are competitive.

"What is not competitive is the cost of living," Christensen said.

Although affordable housing is not available to full-time students, Christensen said any addition to the housing supply will help students looking for a place to rent.

Fong said students would benefit from the "food

chain" effect of a larger housing market.

"As long as there is no increased inventory, nobody can move up," Fong said.

Mike Pogodzinski, an economics professor at SJSU, called Fong's approach a "traditional supply-side subsidy" — meaning the money goes to developers rather than renters — and said most economists prefer a demand-side program that gives subsidy vouchers to the poor.

"Politicians don't like vouchers because you can-

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## SJSU's 'Images of Dance' gets physical

By Peggy Flynn  
Staff Writer

Postponed from last fall, "Images of Dance" finally gave San Jose State University dance students their due.

Thursday through Saturday, students showcased their best choreographic works to a full house in the 112 seat Studio Theater in Spartan Complex East.

According to Mina Garman, the show's director and dance choreography professor, "Images of Dance" was held over until the spring semester because the second-floor theater needed a wheelchair lift installed.

"This kind of show wouldn't work in Morris Dailey (Auditorium)," said Garman. "This theater (Studio) has the width for dance."

Garman added that the Studio Theater provided an intimate setting for student choreographers to present "their personal statements."

Eleven modern dance pieces, created by seven choreographers, ranged in variety from lyrical — a dance with a story theme — to abstract. Many of the pieces used text and video to accompany the dancing. Text is a technique in which the performer speaks aloud to the audience.

Video was used as a backdrop in April Shen's "Dreams" — a surreal piece about Shen's life experiences. The video, which showed traveling scenes, was shot by her brother and father during a trip to Texas.

Shen said she gets a lot of her choreography ideas while listening to the radio during her commute from Santa Cruz.

"I'm driven by music," Shen said.

Audiences seemed to react well to the dreamlike dance pieces, according to Garman.

"People accept it as normal," Garman said. "Commercials, especially perfume, use this technique quite often."

In "Her Absence," choreographer and dancer Gina Barnard used props to enhance the dream sequence and to "make it more conceptual."

"It's based on a dream I had," Barnard said. "Things are happening but aren't making sense. It's as though I'm not really there."

The dances performed were physically demanding. Dancers writhed, twisted and threw themselves on the floor. Their strength was evidenced by the dancers' upper body musculature.

"The current trend in dance involves a lot of throwing around (of dancers)," said Sylvie Minot, a recent SJSU School of Dance graduate. "Many dancers come out of rehearsal black and blue."

While many dances were extreme in movement, they did not lack grace. Movements were smooth and silent. The audience seemed captivated throughout the show. Murmurs of surprise and amazement during complicated movements were scattered throughout the theater.

"I liken the show to an art gallery," Garman said. "The dances are the artists' interpretation and the audience can come away with their own experience."

Minot had the opportunity to choreograph and dance in both of her pieces, "Interlude" and "Last Dance."

"When I choreograph a piece, it's like giving birth," said Minot. "It's my story — my spirit."

Minot also managed the stage and technical lighting for the show.

"Sylvie is well-skilled in many ways," said Garman. "It's very unusual to handle it all, and she's done it beautifully."

Minot's "Last Dance" piece was a combination of acting and dance. It told a story of the loss of a sister and the reflection on a sibling relationship. The piece was sprinkled with humor, yet the overall tone was bittersweet.

According to Garman, the program graduates a well-rounded and informed person.

"We have a high level of talent and key stars that are going to go someplace," Garman said.



Scott Lechner/Spartan Daily

Performing by herself, Jenni Lee gracefully moves through the dance "Intuition" at Saturday evening's "Image's of Dance" at San Jose State University. The show was sold out and the small Spartan Complex Studio Theater was so full of people some of the audience members had to stand during the performance.

## Marrow donors needed

By Nicholas Boer  
Staff Writer

Cassandra Carter suffers from leukemia and has been waiting nine years for a bone marrow match.

Carter's chances of finding someone who matches her tissue type depends directly on the number of African-Americans who register as prospective donors, according to Dr. Robert Latta, director of health services at San Jose State University.

"It's important to get all sorts of ethnic groups registered," said Latta.

Prospective minority donors tend to be grossly underrepresented, according to Lisa Busbee-Young of the Judie Davis Marrow Donor Recruitment Program.

Busbee-Young said race is a factor because tissue types are characterized by complex genetic traits specific to particular ethnic groups. She said Caucasians are less likely to die from the disease because more Caucasians register and their chances of finding a match is higher.

"We (African-Americans) are more prone to die from it," Busbee-Young said.

Jerry Davis, the chief chaplain at Loma Linda University Medical Center, said young students are ideal donors because they remain registered until they are 61 years old. Davis said there is only about a one in 10,000 chance of actually having to donate marrow once registered.

To register requires filling out a questionnaire and giving two tablespoons of blood, according to Davis. If matched to a patient, the procedure is safe but does require an overnight stay in the hospital.

"There's the risk of going into the hospital and having general anesthesia," Davis said. "They go into the large bone of the hip with a rather large syringe."

Carter, who is a 25-year-old student at the University of Phoenix, said her leukemia is currently in remission, but she encourages students to register.

"A lot of people are really, really sick," said Carter. "You may be the one that saves a life."

The Judie Davis program will be registering any interested students today in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Drive takes stab at blood shortage

By Leah Bower  
Staff Writer

The estimated 160 pints of blood drawn at a San Jose State University blood drive Monday and Tuesday will help alleviate a blood shortage at Stanford Hospital.

Vera Chan, the charge nurse at the Stanford Medical School Blood Center, said that a lung transplant patient and a person suffering from an aneurism depleted the hospital's blood supply.

An aneurism is a weakened spot in a major artery or vein that ruptures, causing bleeding.

"Overnight, all of our inventory was gone. We have other patients to serve too," Chan said. "The drive will help our inventory."

The blood drive was sponsored by the SJSU Arnold Air Society and the Stanford

blood center.

The Arnold Air Society is a community service group related to the Air Force ROTC.

"These drives have been going on for years. We are just keeping with tradition," said Derek Engard, a cadet with the Air Force ROTC and a member of the Arnold Air Society.

Engard said the society sponsors blood drives every semester. The drive during fall term 1997 was in association with the Red Cross.

The society assisted the blood center with setup and cleanup of the group's staging area in addition to assisting donors after their blood had been drawn, according to Capt. Mike Savage of the Aerospace Studies Department.

A common statement among donors is that they give blood to help other people.

"I think it is an important thing to do. I've had a son in a situation where he needed a lot of blood," SJSU senior Peggy Mountford said while waiting to give blood.

Birgit Kalvelage, also a SJSU senior and a donor, said she had been inspired to donate blood when possible after giving blood in a directed donation.

A directed donation takes blood from a donor for a specific patient instead of for the general blood supply. Kalvelage's donation went to a cancer patient.

"Before, he could barely walk across the room. After he got my blood, he went out for dinner," Kalvelage said. "People need blood."

Ruth Thomas, an associate with the Stanford blood center, said approximately

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Grayson West/Spartan Daily

San Jose State University graduate student Lynn Overvoorde awaits being pricked by the needle at Monday's Stanford Blood Center located in the Student Union.



# COUNTERPOINT POINT

## While Jack Kevorkian continues to assist people in committing suicide, controversy still bristles

### Restrictions on assisted suicide deny patients' rights and human dignity



Peggy Flynn

Last fall the U.S. Supreme Court determined that there is no constitutional right to physician-assisted suicide. They did, however, acknowledge the legal acceptability of providing pain relief, even to the point of hastening death. It is now up to individual states to legalize physician-assisted suicide.

This isn't an issue for the states to decide. It is an individual's right.

Opponents of physician-assisted suicide argue that it violates moral and professional ethics for a physician to contribute to a patient's death. But what is a physician to do when terminally ill patients' pain cannot be relieved and their lives are being prolonged, against their wishes, by life-sustaining drugs or equipment?

The patient can voluntarily stop eating and drinking or request terminal sedation. The physician can legally administer terminal sedation — medication that sedates the patient, usually into unconsciousness. A second step of terminal sedation is the withholding of nutrition and hydration. This is maintained until the patient dies. Yet isn't this a form of assisted suicide?

We reject physician-assisted suicide and euthanasia — a direct act by a doctor or other person to end a patient's life — yet we allow the withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment. Terminal sedation, accompanied by its second step, causes the patient to die from the induced coma, not the disease itself.

The Supreme Court deemed that the alternative of terminal sedation eliminated the need for physician-assisted suicide. But we may challenge that it is a patient's right to choose the method by which he or she dies. In the case of terminal sedation, death is inevitable, although it may take days, even weeks.

Some patients believe that their dignity would be violated if they had to be unconscious for a prolonged time before they die and their families would suffer unnecessarily waiting for them to die.

In some clinical situations, terminal sedation cannot relieve the patient's symptoms. In these cases, the patient's death is less than peaceful.

According to the American Civil Liberties Union, the terminally ill have a constitutional right — based on the 14th Amendment's due process guarantee of liberty — to hasten inevitable death. A ban on the use of physician-prescribed medications by a terminally ill person, if and when the person chooses to do so, violates that person's due process liberty.

It is unconstitutional for any state to require a terminally ill person to tolerate unbearable pain and suffering until death comes naturally. Why preserve a life when there is no meaningful life left to preserve?

In *Roe vs. Wade*, the Supreme Court held that the state's interest in protecting a potential human life was not of sufficient constitutional importance to outweigh the interest of the pregnant woman's bodily integrity. The same constitutional right can be applied to assisted suicide — particularly for terminally-ill people.

It is a question of personal liberty. A right to bodily integrity. A right to have control over one's own body. An American right. A universal right.

Peggy Flynn is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Illustration by Jeff Faerber

### Volatile issue requires more thought; assisted suicide not the answer



Suzanne Ferrante

Physician-assisted suicide should not be legalized. Too many ethical and legal questions would arise if it were legal.

A terminally ill patient's life may be sustained by machines or drugs and they may wish to die. But what if patients' illnesses have deteriorated their minds to the extent that they don't realize what they've asked for?

The patient already has the right to decide on his or her treatments, but assisted suicide would need a person in between the "asking" patient and the "assisting" doctor with the authority to make sure it is what the patient really wants. This "go-between" should be a family member or friend who will act for the patient.

But who is the most appropriate "go-between" for an incompetent patient?

Which has precedence, the physician's duty to preserve life or the physician's duty to alleviate pain? The physician's duty is not only to serve the individual patient but also society.

If you were suffering (and incoherent) and wanted to die, should you just be able to ask a doctor to help you without having a middle person to stop your request?

What are the patient's rights?

Under the Federal Patient Self-Determination Act of 1991, an individual has the right to make decisions about medical care and the right to accept or refuse medical and surgical treatment.

If a family member OKs the assisted suicide when a patient is unresponsive, the patient doesn't get a chance to accept or refuse that medical treatment.

There could be medical breakthroughs or cures for diseases such as AIDS and cancer, but a go-between could quash the patient's possible recovery. There are so many variables to this issue.

According to Citizens United Resisting Euthanasia's website, whether you are classified as dead or alive depends upon your attending physician's understanding of the concept of death.

Dr. Willard Gaylin said that this difficult issue of physician-assisted suicide could be avoided by redefining death.

The decision-making for assisted suicide should be guided by the patient's wish (or assumed wish), available technology and by compassion — not by fear of lawsuits and legal precedent.

Physician-assisted suicide is a complex issue because the law, medical ethics, medical practices, philosophy, public policy and religion need to be considered.

The hope, if physician-assisted suicide legislation is passed, is that it takes all of these areas into consideration because it will give doctors more power than they already have.

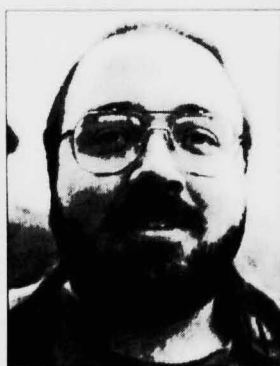
Physicians take an oath to "first, do no harm." For them to assist in suicide violates the professional and moral ethics of their jobs.

Legalization of physician-assisted suicide would mean that doctors would be harming their patients in the biggest way of all.

Suzanne Ferrante is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Talking Heads

Under what circumstances would you be able to assist in a suicide?



"If it was someone I really didn't like I would."

Bob Huss  
junior  
computer science



"I wouldn't. I would try my best to prevent it."

Girlie Lacuesta  
senior  
health science



"It's not a person's decision to choose when they die. It's not when you are ready, it's God's time."

Rebecca Vinyard  
freshman  
history



"It depends on what happens, what the case is."

Maria Hernandez  
freshman  
chemistry



"I personally wouldn't. I believe that doctors should. If I'm a vegetable, put me under."

Scott Archer  
graduate student  
meteorology



"If they asked, we discussed it many times and they were terminally ill, I probably would assist."

Krista Strum  
senior  
liberal studies



## Sparta Guide

across from SJSU Theatre. For more information, call Ginny at (408) 938-1610.

### CATHOLIC CAMPUS MINISTRY AND EPISCOPAL CANTERBURY

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### CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY

Film, "My Philosophy" at 7:30 p.m. at 410 Cambridge Ave., Suite C, Palo Alto. For more information, call Joe Feshback at (650) 853-0602.

### FACULTY BOOKTALK

Professor Scott Rice of the English Department will review "New American Blues: A Journey through Poverty to Democracy" at 12:30 p.m. in the Faculty Office Building, Room 104. Bring a lunch, refreshments provided. For more information, call David McNeil at (408) 924-5545 or Gene Bernardini at (408) 924-4465.

### M.E.C.H.A.

Meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center.

### RE-ENTRY ADVISORY PROGRAM

Brown bag lunch program "Orientation to Library Research" presented by Lorene Sisson from 12 - 1:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Pacheco Room. For more information, call Susan Clair at (408) 924-5962.

### SJSU WOMEN'S RUGBY CLUB/TEAM

Practice from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at Spartan Field. For more information, call Christina at (408) 244-7494.

*Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff. The deadline for entries is noon, three days before desired publication date. Entry forms are available in the Spartan Daily Office. Space restrictions may require editing of submissions.*

### Today

#### ASIAN-AMERICAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

Pastor Law will speak about "Meaning of Worship" at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Union's Almaden Room. For more information, call David at (408) 265-7442.

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Professional West Coast Swing instructor Robert Campos from 8 - 9 p.m. followed by open dancing until 10 p.m. in SPX 89. For more information, call (408) 924-SPIN.

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Sale of music books, scores and LP recordings Monday - Friday from 1 - 5 p.m. in Wahlquist Library, Room 318. For more information, call Patricia Elliott at (408) 924-4590.

#### CAREER CENTER

Arthur Andersen Day - employer presentation from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. in the Student Union's Umunhum Room. For more information, call the Career Resource Center at (408) 924-6034.

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Daily Mass from 12:05 - 12:30 p.m. at the John XXIII Center.

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## Judges 1, Kwan 0: fairness finally takes gold

If she stands up, the gold will come. She did. It didn't.

I don't know anyone in the skating community who believes that Tara Lipinski didn't out-skate Michelle Kwan at last week's Olympic Games in Nagano.

I also don't know anyone (save a few preteen fans) who isn't sick about Lipinski taking home the gold medal.

Lipinski's upset of Kwan left agape the collective mouth of the skating community (an alternately close-knit and back-stabbing group of professionals, amateurs, coaches, judges and rink moms who pass judgment on everything from skating ability to sequins).

The word from the skating world was being leaked to the press.

They said all she had to do was stand up.

They said all she had to do was do all of her planned triples.

They said if she did both of those things, then the Star Spangled Banner would play.

It played. But not for her.

The judges picked Friday night to prove that skating rank is determined by something nearly as objective as a stopwatch or points. Practices didn't influence them. Previous performances didn't influence them. The media didn't influence them.

The judges could have propped Kwan up. It would've come as no shock had her scores been padded ever so slightly.

She did, after all, perform the highest scored routine in U.S. Championship history last month. No lady figure skater has ever earned a 6.0 at Nationals; Kwan received several.

She did, after all, reduce judges — those infamous ogres of the skating world — to tears with that same performance.

She was, after all, the Olympic favorite.

No one in the skating community would have balked.

So the judges did.

I skated with Michelle Kwan and her sister Karen for years in Torrance, Calif., at what was then the Olympic Ice Arena. She was a driven up-and-comer with springs for legs and a body made for skating.

Her father, Danny, was — and from all indications still is — a chain-smoking, hard-driving rink dad (a virtual rarity in what is a world presided over by women).

In my recollection, I cannot recall Danny Kwan ever being animated before Friday night when Michelle completed her long program.



Terri K. Milner

It SAYS HERE ...

He was screaming. He was jabbing the air. He was giving high-fives.

He thought his daughter had nabbed the ultimate prize.

Two minutes later, he slouched. He stared hard straight ahead. He clenched his jaw.

The scores had come up and he knew that what had been hers — and only hers — to lose, had been lost. Too much room had been left.

It's been theorized that had she not skated first in the group — and been judged low accordingly — that she would have won.

It's been theorized that there were too many skaters between Kwan and Lipinski for accurate comparative scoring to take place.

It's been theorized that in all of Lipinski's exuberance they forgot how well Kwan did.

They didn't forget.

Kwan was tense and stiff. She was going jump by jump. It's often an effective way to turn in a clean routine, but, trust me, it's no way to look elegant.

They looked objectively at two four-minute routines and came up with a name, and it wasn't Michelle Kwan.

Everyone at the training rink we all but slept at those many years ago wanted to be where Michelle was on Friday.

Everyone wanted a shot at that gleaming gold prize worth an estimated \$15 million in income and a lifetime of bragging rights.

Everyone wanted a slice of that spotlight.

Michelle had just that shot. Second in the world may be nothing to sneeze at, but it means close to bubbkiss in future profits.

Michelle was on the tail end of my generation of skaters and, though several of us have gone to the ball over the decades, none of us have come home with the glass slipper.

Michelle was going to be "the one."

It saddened me to see her standing down and to the right of the top spot on the medal stand, but the judges called it as they saw it.

They were objective.

They were fair.

Alert the skating community: the unbelievable has happened.

And it couldn't have happened on a worse night.

*Terri K. Milner is a Spartan Daily co-executive editor. Her column appears every Wednesday.*

## Crime Watch

### Feb. 17

•Suspect arrested for drunk in public at Hoover Hall.

### Feb. 18

•Report taken at North Garage for forged parking permit.

### Feb. 19

•Report taken for theft of \$200 from a room in Royce Hall.

### Feb. 20

•Thirty-three-year-old male arrested for driving a bicycle under the influence at Spartan Village.

### Feb. 23

•Report taken for theft of scanner from office in Science Building.

•Report taken for battery on a student at the Student Union.

•Report taken for disturbance between two people playing basketball at the Event Center.

## From the mouths of babes:

The grass is always greener when you leave the sprinkler on.

Early to bed and early to rise is first in the bathroom.

A rolling stone plays the guitar.

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry, and someone yells, "Shut up!"

A bird in the hand is a real mess.

It's always darkest just before I open my eyes.

If you can't stand the heat, go swimming.

You have nothing to fear but homework.

Never put off until tomorrow what you should have done yesterday.

A penny saved is nothing in the real world.

The squeaking wheel gets annoying.

We have nothing to fear but our principal.

I think, therefore I get a headache.

*From fifth graders in Orange County, when asked to provide original endings to famous sayings.*

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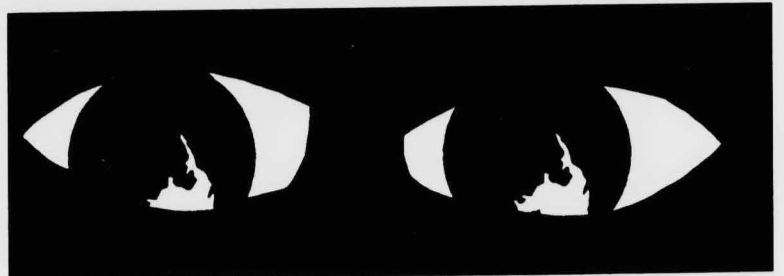
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harsh sentences for people with no history of violence. They said the law should only apply to violent offenders.

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## Fong: Come to SJ

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not have a ribbon-cutting ceremony," Pogodzinski said.

Fong's announcement was made outside of the Enclave, a new housing project built with bond money, that offers both regular and affordable housing. The lobby of the building was decorated with plush couches, handcrafted furniture and ornate artwork.

Fong said aggressive developers in San Jose were responsible for Santa Clara County obtaining 28 percent of last year's state bond money. Fong said Santa Clara is a good place for the money because the average selling price of \$330,000 for a home in the county is out of reach for 80 percent of residents.

"Attracting people to come to work (in Santa Clara County) is difficult," Fong said.

Carl Guardino, president of the Santa Clara Valley Manufacturing Group, said Fong understands Silicon Valley companies are hard pressed to

find housing for their employees.

"I'm thankful he gets it," Guardino said.

Guardino, a 1987 graduate of SJSU, recalled struggling to work 40 hours a week hanging sheetrock in order to pay for a shared rental while going to school. Guardino agreed with Fong's characterization of the affordable housing being built as "first class."

"People think of slums in New York," said Guardino of most people's impressions of affordable housing, as he stood in front of the ornate facade of the Enclave.

Chris Block, who handles housing development for Catholic Charities, said Fong's program does nothing for the county's very poor.

"People with real low income are screwed," Block said of Fong's program. "Ninety-nine percent of the affordable housing will never be available to homeless people."

## Blood drive: Donors

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180 people had shown up to donate blood, and there were two hours remaining in the drive.

"Some donors are turned away for different reasons," Thomas said.

Potential donors can be turned away if they have traveled to certain countries recently, if they take some medications or if the iron levels in their blood are too low, among other reasons, said Beth Ohlert, a registered nurse with the Stanford center.

In order to donate, new volunteers with the Stanford center must bring a picture identification, be free of cold or flu symptoms, weigh at least 110 pounds and have eaten within six hours, Ohlert said. Information on previous donors is on file in a computer system.

Potential donors must then fill out a questionnaire concerning recent travel, medication and medical problems which is then reviewed with a nurse present.

"We also go over a series of high risk questions concerning AIDS and hepatitis exposure," Ohlert said. "Then we take their vital signs, and if everything is OK, they come in and we pick a vein."

Ohlert said donors are asked to squeeze their fists to keep the blood flowing during the five to 10 minute procedure.

"We take about a pint," Ohlert said.

SJSU's donated pints are appreciated at the Stanford Medical School Blood Center.

"There is no place to buy blood. Everyone has just enough for themselves," Chan said. "It will help."

## Unsung heroes to reap honors

By Carol Dillon  
Staff Writer

The Associated Students of San Jose State University is looking for a few good men — and women — 55 to be exact.

The association wants to honor students who have achieved the Herculean task of combining extraordinary volunteerism with a total commitment to the university.

If those students' industrious efforts have managed to catch the eye of a member of SJSU's faculty or staff, they will be nominated for special honors courtesy of the Associated Students 55 Club.

The A.S. 55 Club Award Ceremony was started in 1994 by the Associated Students as a way to celebrate the "unsung heroes" who have donated time and effort to the university.

They are nominated by various department and faculty members who respond to application forms sent by the organization.

Alfonso De Alba, Associated Students executive director, an SJSU alumnus, recalls receiving the A.S. 55 Club award as one of the highlights of his years at SJSU. De Alba, who was recognized for his development of a

student transit program and also his work with Chicano students, was enthusiastic about the event.

"To be honest, I was very happy to see someone noticed my efforts. To have all your professors and President Caret clap for you is a thrill," De Alba said.

Daniel Raytis, A.S. vice president, was one of last year's honorees. He credits the award with opening up his eyes to the Associated Students organization and what it does. That awareness inspired him to run and win his current position in the association.

"As vice president, this ceremony is one of my main duties and I'm definitely looking forward to it," Raytis said.

It is his job to determine which 55 students make the final cut.

Maria Murphy, A.S. administrative assistant, attested to the growing popularity of the ceremony.

"The faculty has been calling for nomination forms in the last months. It is something they

support fully and seem as excited as the award winners," she said.

Russell Smith, a human performance major, was also honored last year. Smith was nominated by Jo-Anne Shibles, coordinator of Greek Life Student Activities.

Smith's contribution of organizing all the SJSU intramural league games — baseball, football and basketball — met the criteria Shibles was looking for.

Shibles explained what qual-

ities are important when recommending a potential recipient.

"I look for students who have significantly contributed to organizations on the university, those who have made obvious sacrifices," she said.

Each honoree receives a specially designed glass plaque signed by President Caret.

Smith described the banquet and accompanying presentation as "a great reward for my service, since I never expected to be acknowledged for what I did."

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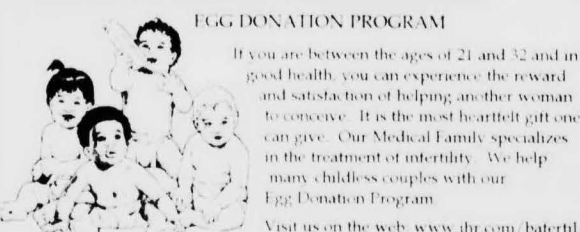
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## Spartans ambush Pioneers 12-1

By Jeremiah Oshan  
Staff Writer

HAYWARD — Atrocious pitching by the opponent and some early-inning rallies were enough.

The San Jose State University baseball team beat the Division II California State University Hayward Pioneers by the convincing score of 12-1, Tuesday.

The win helped avenge the Spartans' loss to the same team on Feb. 17 and ends the rain-soaked, non-conference part of the season.

By the end of the first inning the Spartans had scored all the runs they would need: two. The first inning burst was highlighted by third baseman Casey Chesher's third home run of the year.

That apparently wasn't enough, as the Spartans would add 10 more runs.

"It was real important for us to score first," said Chesher, who went 2-for-4 with three RBIs. "We were just glad to be finally playing."

Aiding the Spartan outburst was the Pioneer's inability to find the plate. The pitching staff combined for six walks, four hit batsmen and five wild-pitches. The defense did nothing to help, committing four errors.

With the win, the Spartans can now begin to concentrate on the more pressing issue of defending their West Division Western Athletic Conference

championship.

First on the itinerary will be the 19th-ranked University of Hawaii.

The series is seen as an important first step by coach Sam Piraro.

"We're going to have to play really well to be competitive this weekend," Piraro said. "You've gotta be able to win at home. That's how we were able to win the West (Division) last year."

Piraro said the team's lack of practice time will be their biggest problem going into their divisional games.

With the addition of Hawaii enjoying perfect weather, the missed practice time may play an even bigger part of the week-end series.

"I can't say we're real prepared right now," he said. "We literally haven't practiced for about a month. We are going to have to count on our experience, guile and competitiveness to get us through."

The lack of a clear pitching ace led Piraro to think that offense is what the Spartans will be counting on to keep them in games.

"Hopefully we'll have at least two guys who have career years," he said. "It's going to take six to eight runs for us to win games."

One player who figures to be a contributing part of the offense will be leftfielder Jon Lauderdale. He hit his fourth home run of the year on his way to a 3-for-5 outing with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Tuesday's game was seen as a good warmup for the Hawaii series by Lauderdale.

"They (the pitchers) were throwing a lot of off-speed stuff," he said, "which is good because that's what Hawaii does."

Five Spartan pitchers contributed to the win, with Javier Parnus picking up the decision making him a perfect 5-0. The committee combined for 11 strikeouts and walked only one.

Despite the game being essentially over by the third inning, SJSU was still able to take some batting practice off the erratic Pioneer pitching.

A lead-off walk in the fifth inning was followed by a line-drive which looked to be single, but the speedy James slid into second just before the tag. A wild-pitch followed, making the score 4-1.

After an out, Kyle Richardson popped up a pitch to shallow right-field which seemed to be an easy out. The wind apparently got a hold of it, causing it to drop in. The hustling Richardson was able to make it an RBI double. Another wild-pitch let him advance to third, he would later score on a single by Lauderdale making it 6-1.

Lauderdale would again make life hard for the Pioneer pitching staff when he took a pitch over the 380-foot mark in center field. The blast capped the four run eighth inning and was the only hit in an inning that included three walks, a stolen base and a wild-throw by the catcher.

SJSU	AB	R	H	ER
Lewis	3	1	2	0
Brackley	3	0	0	0
Fernandez	3	3	1	0
Agnew	3	2	2	1
Chesher	3	4	1	2
Wootch	3	1	0	0
Richardson	3	4	3	1
Woolf	3	2	3	0
Lauderdale	3	3	2	1
Thompson	3	4	3	0
Wright	3	4	3	0
Alford	3	0	0	0
Hamilton	3	0	0	0
Turner	3	0	0	0
Carroll	3	0	0	0
McDonald	3	0	0	0
Baker/Jeff	3	0	0	0
Greene	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	12	31	1

HAYWARD	AB	R	H	ER
Lickstrom	3	1	0	0
Brackley	3	0	0	0
Strong	3	0	0	0
Sides	3	0	0	0
Wallace	3	0	0	0
Hoskins	3	0	0	0
Edmonds	3	1	1	0
Hill	3	0	0	0
Quar	3	0	0	0
Marroquin	3	0	0	0
Brackley	3	0	0	0
Calhoun	3	0	0	0
Baltasar	3	0	0	0
Hernandez	3	0	0	0
Fogel	3	0	0	0
Martinez	3	0	0	0
Jones	3	0	0	0
TOTALS	30	1	9	12

Hayward	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO						
Fogel	3.0	4	3	3	1	1						
Martinez	2.0	3	3	3	1	0						
Jones	2.0	1	2	0	1	2						
Edmonds	2.0	1	4	4	4	3						
SJSU	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO						
Parnus	3.0	3	1	0	0	5						
Carroll	2.0	2	0	0	1	2						
McDonald	2.0	0	0	0	0	2						
Baker/Jeff	1.0	0	0	0	0	0						
Greene	1.0	0	0	0	0	2						
R H E	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO						
SJSU	2	0	1	0	3	1	1	4	0	12	9	2
Hayward	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	4

Parnus, Carroll, F., McDonald, T., Baker, Jeff, S., and Wright, Hamilton; Fogel, Martinez, S., J., Edmonds, S., and McCann, Grand-Pre.

Hayward 2-4; SJSU = Fogel 0-1; Greene 2-4.

Parnus, Carroll, McDonald, Baker/Jeff, Greene (H) and Wright, Hamilton, Fogel, Martinez, Jones, (E), Edmonds, S and Marroquin. Grounded into WP - Parnus (2), LP - Fogel (0), E - Brackley, SJSU 4/5, Hayward 2/4.

## San Jose lands ABL All-Star Game in 1999

By Jon Perez  
Staff Writer

The Year of the Sportswoman in San Jose 1999 has just signed on another major sporting event to its roster.

The American Basketball League announced Sunday during the Lasers playoff victory over the New England Blizzard that San Jose would host its 1999 All-Star Weekend.

With the NCAA Women's Final Four and the Women's Soccer World Cup already scheduled to be in San Jose, the ABL All-Star game will kick off the Year of the Sportswoman.

Interest in women sports, the San Jose Arena and fan support were determining factors in choosing San Jose for the Weekend which will be held on Jan. 23-24.

"The San Jose Arena is a wonderful facility," ABL Co-founder and Vice President of Corporate and Community Affairs Anne Cribbs said. "This

whole area (Bay Area) is very conscious of opportunities for women."

Cribbs said that the Stanford University women's basketball program was one of the birth places for women's basketball, and the Bay Area's continued interest in the sport is essential for a successful event.

Supported by the City of San Jose and the San Jose Sports Authority, which is funded by San Jose and deals solely with sports marketing, the game is another stepping stone in giving credibility to Bay Area sports according to Kevin Pursglove from the mayor's news bureau and public information office.

"Our Sports Authority is very aggressive in getting major sporting events here in San Jose," Pursglove said. "This is becoming a very desirable market."

Mayor Susan Hammer will be an honorary chair for the weekend. She act as a representative of not only San Jose — which has

had a 50 percent increase in Laser fan attendance — but for the ABL as well, according to Dean Jutilla, ABL director of media relations.

"She (Hammer) loves the ABL," Jutilla said. "She is one of the biggest Laser fans out there."

The third annual weekend festivities will include a slam dunk and three point shootout contest.

This year's winners for the events, held at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista Fla., were Portland's Sylvia Crawley and Philadelphia's Dawn Staley respectively.

"It (events) really make it an All-Star Weekend," Cribbs said. "It gives the players a chance to showcase their talents."

With the first two all-star games played on the East Coast, Cribbs feels that San Jose is overdue.

"We wanted to bring the game to the West Coast," Cribbs said.

## Golden State bounces Knicks 87-82

NEW YORK (AP) — It was a disastrous night for the New York Knicks, who actually began the evening feeling better about themselves than they have in months.

Starting center Chris Dudley broke his foot and the entire team played a listless 48 minutes Tuesday in a 87-82 loss to the Golden State Warriors.

"This really hurts," Knicks forward Chris Mills said. "We've been playing well up to this point and I really don't want to admit it, but it seems we really overlooked this team."

It was just the fourth road win and 12th victory overall for Golden State, which became the first Western Conference team to win at Madison Square

Garden this season.

And it was a devastating loss for the Knicks, who actually began the night thinking they might be a better team without Patrick Ewing.

"We didn't play as if our play-off lives depended on it — and it did," Van Gundy said.

The Knicks were undone by poor shot selection and weak interior defense.

But the biggest "dagger," as Mills called it, was an almost impossible off-balance, left-handed hook shot that Muggsy Bogues sank from 14 feet away with 90 seconds left.

With the shot clock running down and Bogues being guarded closely by John Starks, the 5-foot-3 point guard started falling back-

ward and heaved the ball up.

"Hey, I've got a lot of low-post game," Bogues said in the locker room, his teammates laughing when they heard his claim. "I was just trying to get rim, but I felt it off my fingertips. And when you feel it off your fingertips ..."

After the Knicks pulled within three, Donyell Marshall missed a 22-footer as the shot clock wound down.

But the ball bounced into the corner and was retrieved by Clarence Weatherspoon, setting up two free throws by Bogues that clinched it with 12.7 seconds left.

The Warriors entered the game 0-8 on the road against Eastern Conference teams.

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## Web busts procrastination blues

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If this is your dilemma, cleaning the house or watching reruns of "Full House" isn't going to help. But the web can.

It is a common notion that the web will solve all your research problems. The reality of the notion is that a legitimate, academic search for "obesity" will result in 5 million sites about men with fat fetishes. A slight exaggeration, but when the library closed three hours ago and that deadline is fast approaching, the more searching you do the more you want to kill your computer or yourself.

Let's face it, if you wait until the last minute you're screwed. But if you know where on the web you need to be, it's possible you may be only half as screwed as you think.

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By James S. Gonsalus

## Web Wise



tion. From the home page the user is given an option to search by subject, and a link to an A to Z index. If you have a general idea of what you're looking for, use the alphabetical index. It tells you what's there a lot faster. The Fedstats page also has a great source of links to other government pages such as the U.S. Department of Commerce ([www.doc.gov](http://www.doc.gov)) and, as a bonus, at the bottom of each statistics page there is a link to the government agency from which the information came. This feature comes in handy when you need more than one source for that research paper, or you just need some numbers to back up your delusional 3 a.m. rantings.

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those of state informational agencies. Each of the links also gives addresses and phone numbers of the respective agencies. At [www.census.gov/main/www/statintl.html](http://www.census.gov/main/www/statintl.html) you can find statistical info. from countries around the world, from Algeria to Yugoslavia.

If you're a number cruncher, the census bureau also has employment opportunities for all you math types.

The U.S. Statistical Abstract ([www.census.gov/statab/www/](http://www.census.gov/statab/www/)) is also quite an info. nugget. At this site you can order the actual book, which isn't going to do much if procrastination is getting the best of you, or look through it on the Net. One small trick here: you need to have Adobe Acrobat Reader installed on your computer to read the pages. Not a problem: just go to [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) and download it. The software is free from Adobe and it is a good thing to have on your computer given that you are bound to need it to view something else.

### Virtual periodicals

OK, so now you've got the numbers but you need an actual expert or at least someone other than yourself in this last-minute paper.

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One of the most useful archives I have found is The Economist ([www.economist.com](http://www.economist.com)). The first five story requests are free; anything after is a dollar. This is the case with most periodical services, including [www.mercury.center](http://www.mercury.center) and [www.usatoday.com](http://www.usatoday.com). The only local free one is Metro at [www.metroactive.com](http://www.metroactive.com).

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## Attention shoppers...



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